

**MINUTES**  
**Of the Township of West Milford**  
**ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**  
**August 26, 2008**  
**Special Meeting**

The meeting commenced at 6:48 p.m. The Secretary read the legal notice

**PLEDGE**

The Chairman said that the Pledge of Allegiance would be done at the Regular meeting since we were running late.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Ada Erik, Francis Hannan, Daniel Jurkovic, William Lynch, Arthur McQuaid, Robert Brady, Barry Wieser and Frank Curcio

Also Present: Stephen Glatt, Board Attorney, and Denyse Todd, Board Secretary

Absent: Gian Severini

The purpose of this Special Meeting was to interview candidates for the position of Planner for the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

The first candidate for the interview was Jessica C. Caldwell, P.P., A.I.C.P., Harold E. Pellow & Assoc., Inc., she testified to her credentials, which were verified in her resume and is incorporated herein by reference.

The second candidate was Charles T. McGroarty , P.P., A.I.C.P., Banisch Associates, he testified to his credentials, which were verified in his resume and is incorporated herein by reference.

Special Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.  
Reconvened at 9:33 p.m.

The third candidate was William H. Drew, P.P., AICP., he also testified to his credentials, which were verified in his resume and is incorporated herein by reference.

Mr. Drew then left the meeting and there was discussion regarding the three candidates. Mr. Drew is familiar with our Township and problems unique to West Milford.

Mr. Brady asked the Board to decide for the time frame for the rest of this year.

**Motion by Ada Erik** to approve William H. Drew, P.P., AICP, for the Zoning Board of Adjustment Planner. Miss Erik said he is most qualified and West Milford is unique and he knows West Milford.

**Second by Mr. Hannan** Purely economic reasons, he respects the escrow accounts, and he will save the applicant's money and his hourly rate was less than the other candidates.

Mr. McQuaid added that Mr. Drew doesn't charge for travel time as one of the other candidates does.

Mr. Glatt asked the Board to express satisfaction or dissatisfaction with Mr. Drew over the years. The attorney continued to say that it shouldn't be only financial reasons but his planning knowledge, fees reasonable, no learning curve because of being in the

Township previously. Mr. Glatt wants it on the record all of the reasons he is the one most capable.

Mr. McQuaid stated that at a mandatory training session, he heard someone speak of Mr. Drew, an honest man, which is important, he has knowledge of older applications, interpretations, he is able to shed light and expertise for decisions and because of his time in the Township, he was able to share his knowledge of the ordinances that apply to a specific application. At the regular meeting Mr. Drew was able to speak of a State Department regarding a specific application and because of Mr. Drew's previous knowledge of the application he was able to make a rational decision.

Mr. Brady stated that he worked with two other planners since he has been on the Board and finds that Mr. Drew is more than adequately competent, he has been with the Township for 17 years. He knows the filing system, Mr. Drew knows the Town. He is also honest and loyal, number one candidate. Mr. Drew can just pull the file and know where things are. 17 years of loyal honest service and he hopes the other Board Members feel the same way.

Daniel Jurkovic was concerned that the funds are certified, most will be billed to the escrow. Mr. Brady read the letter from Mr. Semrau stating the fact that the funds are certified through Treasurer's Office. Mr. Hannan feels a running total is needed for this as well. The contract will need to be done by Mr. Semrau regarding Mr. Drew's appointment. Also, the amount to certified through the end of the year. They want the definite certification amount. If exceeded the amount will need to be extended.

The Board feels that the amount certified should be sufficient for the remainder of the year.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Ada Erik, Francis Hannan, Daniel Jurkovic, William Lynch, Arthur McQuaid, Barry Wieser, Frank Curcio, Robert Brady  
No: none

Mr. Glatt asked for the secretary to send letters thanking the other candidates.

There was a motion and second for the secretary to send the letters to the other candidates.

Letter to the Clerk that the Board's majority decision was to hire William H. Drew, P.P., AICP and a resolution will be done for the next meeting.

**Motion** by Daniel Jurkovic to adjourn the special meeting.  
**Second** by Ada Erik

On a voice vote all were in favor of adjourning the Reorganization meeting of the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Adjourned 10:10 p.m.

Adopted: September 23, 2008

Respectfully submitted by

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Denyse L. Todd, Secretary  
Zoning Board of Adjustment